Gas Turbine Project in Tanjavur district of Tamil Nadu

687. SHRI M. VINCENT : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) by what time the gas turbine project in the Kovilkalappal oil bearing rregion in Tanjavur district, Tamil Nadu is likly to be commissioned ; and

(b) what measures have been taken by Government do speed up the project?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) The scheme of Kovilkalappal Gas Turbine Project has been deferred due to inability Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) to supply gas.

Responsibility on the Management to Indian Airlines

688. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have fixed responsibility on the top management Indian Airlines for the lapses in its functioning; and

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to ensure reliability, credibility and punctuality in the Airlines?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN) : (a) The question of fixing responsibility on the top management of Indian Airlines only arises when it is conclusively proved that there are major lapses in its functioning.

(b) With a view to providing improved and punctual services, the following steps have been taken by the Indian Airlines :—

—Provision of extra cushion between flights.

—In cases of serious snags, likely to result in cancellation or inordinate delays, the Chief Engineering Managers of the base stations are required to personally inspect the aircraft, and in case the rectifications are likely to result in delays or cancellations, then information is passed on immediately to the en-route stations.

—The Regional Managers are holding daily review meeting with the operational heads to discuss snags.

—Reviews are also conducted at headquarters by the operational heads.

Foreign Exchange Earnings through expport of Maruti Vehicles

689. SHRI M. VINCENT : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) what is the amount in foreign exchange eamed by Government through export of Marut vehicles ;

(b) Whether it is a fact that Government have not given clerance for the manufacture of maruti 1000cc cars; and

(c) if so, what are rhe resona therefor?